

THE RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION, est. 1939

September 1999 Newsletter

Sunny Day Greetings!

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And I hope you're all having a lovely summer! Mine was unusual, and is ending with me being very busy trying to save four sets of Tangy and Calico's goldfish babies (I lost the first set), chasing and feeding liquid "small fry" food (so that's where the term comes from!), five times a day, and attempting to clean up after them--they are miniscule--in a second aquarium and two fish bassinets. Then there's the little Stud Muffin Tangy and Big Mama Calico, and outside in the lily pond six swimmys--goldfish I adopted in June.

But we'll all take time out Monday, September 20th, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, for a very special, and essential, program---"How to Photograph Your Art" by Larry Coakley of Coakley Photography. Larry has been a professional photographer for more than 20 years, his studio being on Main St, Boonton, and as well as photographing art, children, babies, weddings, he does commercial work for book publishers and other industries, and copy and restoration work. His fine art images are in the collections of DuPont, Crosfield Electronics (UK), and many private collections. We all need slides and photos of our work; now we can find out how to do this! Thanks, Linda, for finding Larry!

And also, at our September meeting we'll have the Awards Ceremony for our judged show, which has been at the Somerset County Library. Linda Arnold and Elsa Herrmann were in charge of this fine show, with hanging help from Elza Dima and John Spitzmiller. Our thanks to them! Burton Longenbach was our judge and congratulations to all the winners!

BEST IN SHOW--Elza Dima for her watercolor "Still-life with Sunflowers"

Pro, under-glass

First: Fran Maurer

Second: Elsa Herrmann

Third: Fran Maurer

Honorable Mention: Elza Dima

Pro, not-under-glass

First: Maureen Slater

Honorable Mention: Doug Axmann

Non-pro, under-glass

First: Joe Emery

Second: Linda McCausland

Third: Kathy Blair

Honorable Mention: Helen Maier
and Joe Emery

Non-pro, not-under-glass

First: Debbie Hughes

Second: Eleanor DeMott

Third: Ed Golubiewski

Honorable Mention: Angela Fehrenback

V.I.P. RVAA dues are due! Save yourself finding an envelope and stamp and hand that check made out to RVAA to Ed Golubiewski at our Sept. 20th meeting--we still have about the lowest dues around and the most demos! Single \$22. Family \$28. Student \$10. If you can't possibly make it to our meeting, you can mail the check to Ed at 516 Thompson, Bound Brook, 08805. Where else can you get such camaraderie, demos with refreshments, judged shows, annual dinner, Holiday Sale, and a Newsletter too!?! After this meeting Doug Axmann will be taking over, but let's shower Ed with money one more time; he's been doing such a fabulous job as Membership Chair.

Speaking of refreshments (we were, a little), John Spitzmiller, our new Refreshment Chair, will be needing volunteers to bring "finger foods" occasionally--think about signing up for a month, when John passes the Goody Volunteer list around. And--although Lynne Bigge is hanging in there for us to have this Newsletter copied and addressed, she'd like to devote more time to her family, job, and painting--can we please have a volunteer here? Takes perhaps three-four hours a month---please? You can phone President Linda Arnold at 647-3610 to volunteer. We also are in need of a Co-Chair for our annual dinner at the Main Street Restaurant in December. Nona Rutter has been doing this for the past few years but has a conflict this year and needs a Co-Chair--again, please call Linda to volunteer.

LOOKING AHEAD--to our October 18th meeting--Edward Shinn is coming from Philadelphia to demonstrate working with oil color and with watercolor on Clayboard. Clayboard is sort of the new paper/canvas (though it's actually neither) and comes in different textures and colors; you'll want to put October 18th on your calendar, too.

And finally, before Members' News, we are very sorry to report that Larry Haines recently died. In April we reported Doris' death. Larry and Doris printed and mailed out our Newsletters for many, many years, and of course, we all enjoyed Doris' luminous watercolors. A terrific couple (married for 57 years), we miss them. Cards of sympathy may be sent to their daughter Martia DeLaura, 586 Sayre Drive, Princeton, 08540.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD won an Honorable Mention in the "Watercolor LBI" Show at the Jane Law Gallery on Long Beach Island this summer. Elsa Herrmann and Joan Rauschi were also in this juried show. Linda is presently having a one-woman show at the Morristown Memorial Hospital Gallery, through October 9th. Linda had both of her works accepted into the NJWCS Associates' Juried Show at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

KATHIE BLAIR, ARTIE DUNN, SHERRY ENGELBERG, ANGELA FEHRENBACH, and MAUREEN SLATER had a group show at La Dolce Vita Restaurant in June and July. CONNIE GRAY, ROSEMARY ZANGARA, JOHN SPITZMILLER, and DIANA PATTON are presently showing there, through September. Diana will demonstrate Wednesday night, from 5-10 pm at the restaurant. Those who are interested in either being in a group or one- or two-person show (the restaurant takes about 30 good-sized paintings and is on Washington Valley Road, in Martinsville), please drop Diana Patton a note stating roughly how many pieces you'd have, which media, and which preferred times. October-November has 1-3 slots open. Dec/Jan is a group show, with 2 slots open).

ELSA HERRMANN had her watercolors at gallery ONEMain in Highbridge, N.J. in an exhibit entitled "New Jersey Scenes-Summertime Hues" through July 31st. She also had miniatures at the juried International Miniature Art Exhibition at the Paper Mill Playhouse through July, and was awarded Third Place in Watercolors at Somerset Art Association's annual Members Exhibition, 1999. Elsa was accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at the New Jersey State Museum, Trenton.

DORIS TERRIS pws, had her work accepted into the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society annual national juried show which runs Aug. 13-Sept 19, at the Lancaster Museum of Art, 1305 North Lime St., Lancaster, Pa. (only 124 paintings were accepted out of 778). Doris also illustrated the cover of "The Ride to Pleasant Grove", published by D.H. Moreau Books. She won the A.A.P.L-N.J. Merit Award for a watercolor at the Ocean County Artists Guild and the Andrea Morrison Award for Best in Show at the Hunterdon Watercolor Society's Members' Show in June. Doris also had two paintings accepted into the Hunterdon Art Center's "Artist Looks at Hunterdon" juried show through Sept. 5, and two accepted into the juried watercolor show at the Perkins Center for the Arts.

DEBBIE TINTLE is having a one-woman show of over fifty works at the

Chatham Public Library through September 28th. You are all most welcome to come to Debbie's Opening Reception Sunday, September 12th, from 2:15 until 4. The Chatham Public Library is on the Main Street (Rt. 24) of Chatham.

FRANK ZUCCARELLI PSA has two of his paintings included in the book BEST OF PASTEL 2. He had a feature article "Take Control of the Landscape" in the August issue of the ARTIST'S MAGAZINE. Frank was the sole juror for the Pastel Society of the West Coast 13th Annual Open Exhibition. Frank says, "I continue to celebrate the art of pastels, and gave workshops for the Pine Shore Art Association and also the Morris County Art Association."

And so, you have all been busy! But some of you must drop me a note about what it is you're doing. Meanwhile, it's about time to feed the babies.